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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SCHMIDT

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1. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR IDEAS ABOUT THE "POLISH-AMERICAN DAY CONFERENCE". WE HAVE NOW DECIDED ON THAT DESIGNATION IN ORDER TO STRESS THE AMERICAN-CITIZEN-TO-HIS-GOVERNMENT CONCEPT WE DESIRE TO PROMOTE. BILL LUERS HAS INFORMALLY ALERTED AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI, AND WE PLAN TO BRIEF THE AMBASSADOR BEFORE AND AFTER THE CONFERENCE. BUT WE ALSO WANT IT CLEAR THAT THE CONFERENCE INVOLVES AMERICANS OF POLISH BACKGROUND AND OTHER CITIZENS INTERESTED IN POLAND, AND THAT POLISH EMBASSY PARTICIPATION OR OBSERVATION IS NOT ENVISAGED.

2. AS YOU KNOW, BILL LUERS HAS ARRANGED FOR AL BRAINARD TO
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RETURN TO EUR,AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO HELP WITH THE CONFERENCE. WE WILL WANT TO INCORPORATE YOUR SGGESTIONS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE AS WE PROCEED. HERE IS A REPORT OF WHERE WE STAND NOW.

3. WE HAVE A FORMAT FOR THE CONFERENCE AND CONCURRENCE IN IT FROM VARIOUS LEADERS OF THE POLISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

(A COPY OF THE CONCEPT AND THE AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE IS BEING POUCHED.) LETTERS OF INVITATION HAVE BEEN SENT TO PAC PRESIDENT MAZEWSKI AND TO THE NON-US GOVERNMENT SPEAKERS. WE HOPE TO HAVE THE REMAINING LETTERS SENT OUT BY THE END OF THIS WEEK. TO MINIMIZE CRITICISM ABOUT WHOM WE ARE INVITING (OR HAVE FAILED TO INVITE), WE HAVE ASKED CHIEF OFFICERS OF POLISH-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS TO NOMINATE A NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. WE ALSO SOUGHT NOMINATIONS FROM OTHER SOURCES, INCLUDING FROM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEES. WE ARE INVITING THESE NOMINEES DIRECTLY. (A COPY OF OUR LIST OF INVITEES IS ALSO POUCHED.)

4. IN DEVELOPING THE CONFERENCE FORMAT, WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT AS MANY PARTICIPANTS AS POSSIBLE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO REGISTER THEIR VIEWS OR THOSE OF THEIR ORGANIZATIONS. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SHOULD ALSO HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK AS WELL AS LISTEN. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE PLAN AN OPENING AND CLOSING PLENARY SESSION PLUS THE FOUR PANELS OR WORKING GROUPS, TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC AREAS -- PRESS, PUBLICATION AND MEDIA, CULTURAL ISSUES, TRADE AND S&T POLICY, AND HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS. THIS FORMAT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE PAC AND OTHERS WE HAVE QUERIED.

5. WE HAVE THE SECRETARY'S AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO PAR-
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TICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE AND HOST RECEPTION THAT EVENING. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI ALSO WANTS TO PARTICIPATE. HE WILL PROBABLY MAKE AN APPEARANCE DURING THE OPENING PLENARY. GEORGE VEST HAS AGREED TO CHAIR THE CONFERENCE. THE POLISH-AMERICAN CONGRESS IS ARRANGING A LUNCHEON ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR. THEY ALSO PLAN A RECEPTION THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 4 IN HONOR OF AL MAZEWSKI AND GEORGE VEST.

6. SINCE REMARKS AT THE OPENING PLENARY MUST BE SHORT, WE ARE ASKING EACH SPEAKER TO LIMIT HIMSELF TO 10-12 MINUTES. THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE BUT IT WILL BE VERY NECESSARY IF ENOUGH TIME IS TO BE LEFT FOR DISCUSSION IN THE PANELS. A LIST OF THOSE WHOM WE HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK FROM THE POLISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS AMONG THE MATERIAL POUCHED TO YOU. ASSUMING THAT THE SECRETARY WILL OPEN THE CONFERENCE, WE THOUGHT THAT A BREAKDOWN OF THEMES TO BE ADDRESSED BY HIM, YOU, AND VEST, MIGHT BE AS FOLLOWS:

A. SECRETARY: WELCOME TO DEPARTMENT; IMPORTANCE OF CONFERENCE AS PART OF OUR ONGOING DIALOGUE WITH POLISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY; EXPECTATION THAT CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW-UP EVENTS WILL MAKE OUR POLICY MORE EFFECTIVE.

B. VEST: IMPORTANCE OF POLAND TO US FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS; LONG-TERM CONTINUITY OF US POLICY TOWARD POLAND; MAIN OBJECTIVES AND LINES OF OUR EFFORTS -- SHORT AND LONG-TERM.

C. AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLE: POLISH PERCEPTION OF OUR POLICY AND ITS OBJECTIVES; BARRIERS TO FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR POLICIES; CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR POLICY AS IT IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN POLAND; EFFORTS FOR THE FUTURE. CHRISTOPHER

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